

**WCCO-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011**

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PROGRAM INDEX: *"WCCO 4 News"* is a regularly scheduled half-hour newscast at 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. Duration of stories listed in the report range from 1 to 12 minutes.

"60 MINUTES" is a regularly scheduled one-hour CBS News magazine show. Segments run approximately 12 minutes.

"48 HOURS INVESTIGATES" is a regularly scheduled one-hour CBS News magazine show. Segments run approximately 12 minutes.

CONSUMER: Xcel Refunds, Sparboe Farms

November 17, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Xcel Refunds" – With the start of the cold weather season, it's time to start thinking about winter heating costs. If a new agreement is approved by regulators, Xcel Energy customers could be getting refunds. Tomorrow Xcel will propose a \$58 million rate hike, about \$100 million less than their previous request. If the state Public Utilities Commission approves it, Xcel would owe the typical customer about \$2.30 a month. That adds up to a little more than \$25 a year, which would arrive as a credit on your energy bill. **December 1, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Sparboe Farms"** – There is an investigation into a Minnesota egg supplier. The group, "Mercy for Animals" wants the Federal Trade Commission to protect consumers by telling them how their food is produced. Mercy for Animals shot undercover video of chickens being mistreated by workers at Sparboe Egg Farms, which is based in Litchfield. After the videos surfaced, both McDonalds and Target quickly refused to carry Sparboe eggs. Minneapolis' Lunds and Byerlys also removed the eggs from all of their grocery stores.

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY: S. Mpls. Breakins, Former Cop Arrested, Pastor Theft, Hockey Attack

October 16, 2011, WCCO 4 news, "S. Mpls. Breakins" – Burglars are hitting the Longfellow neighborhood on the southeast city of the city hard. They've broken into at least seven homes during the day in the last several weeks. The burglars knock to see if anyone is home, then break in through a back or front door. The thieves have been

targeting electronics and other valuables. Neighbors have been tracking these burglaries, and say they're all happening within a few blocks of one another. They are hoping to meet with Minneapolis police to talk about the problem. **November 2, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Former Cop Arrested"** – A former Minnetonka police officer is facing felony burglary charges. Eden Prairie detectives say they were investigating a series of home burglaries when they caught Daniel Saba, who used to be a Minnetonka police officer. Detectives say they watched him break into a home. Once he was arrested, they say he admitted stealing the prescription drug, Vicodin. Saba has previously served a jail sentence for breaking into homes for prescription pills. **November 8, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Pastor Theft"** – A Minneapolis man with Alzheimer's had more than \$32,000 stolen from him, and his family says *who* did it makes it hurt even more. They say a Twin Cities pastor took advantage of their loved one. Pastor Greg Oats of Work of Faith Ministries in St. Paul is charged with stealing disability checks from 77-year-old Vern Rollins. It happened over the span of a year. He's accused of spending the money on his bills and fast food. He now faces four felony charges and could be sentenced up to 10 years in prison. **December 22, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Hockey Attack"** – A Twin Cities father who is accused of assaulting his son's hockey coach during a practice is out of jail. Forty-nine-year-old Thomas Tonda is accused of choking his son's youth hockey coach. According to court papers, Tonda's son was involved in a fight at a youth hockey league practice in Inver Grove Heights. A coach pulled the boy aside to talk to him about his behavior. Next, witnesses say, Tonda yelled at the coach and then began attacking him. Police were called and he was arrested.

GOVERNMENT: Vikings Stadium Threat, Bullying Exec Order, Koch Replacement

October 14, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Vikings Stadium Threat" – In football terms, the Minnesota Vikings drive for a new stadium is in the red zone. Time is running short for a stadium deal, and Governor Mark Dayton will be meeting with key lawmakers, NFL officials and the Vikings. Without a stadium deal, the team won't renew its lease with the Metrodome when it expires at the end of this season. A report this week found the Vikings preferred site in Arden Hills might cost more than expected and take longer to build. However, the longer it takes, Dayton says the more likely the Vikings will leave Minnesota. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is now directly involved in Minnesota's stadium talks. In a phone conversation, Dayton said Goodell reminded him there's a new stadium under construction in Los Angeles. **November 29, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Bullying Exec Order"** – Governor Mark Dayton says the state's anti-bullying law is un-Minnesotan. He said "children in Minnesota are being subjected to a form of harassment, a form of emotional torture and people in authority are not responding". He has used an executive order to create an anti-bullying task force address the issue. The task force will report its findings by August 2012. Republicans wasted no time blasting the Governor's announcement, saying that while all students deserve a bully-free environment, the state should not be telling local school districts how to handle the problem. **December 28, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Koch Replacement"** – Republicans have a new leader in the Minnesota Senate. It took senators eleven hours to pick a replacement for Amy Koch. He is Senator David Senjem from Rochester. Koch resigned from the position earlier this month and has since admitted having an intimate affair with

a staffer. Senator Senjem said he's honored to take over the position but would not discuss why this election took eleven hours. Clearly, whoever takes over the role will have a big say in two major issues: gambling expansion and the possibility of a publicly financed Vikings stadium. Senators said those were not the driving force in the decision, but rather finding the best leader for the GOP Senate Caucus.

HEALTH: U of M Flu Study, Salt Study, Smoking Bans, Company Doctor

October 26, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "U of M Flu Study" – A new study, led by the University of Minnesota, shows that only about 59 percent of the population getting flu shots are protected from the flu. The study said there were "major holes and gaps" in the vaccine given to tens of millions of Americans. In the past, experts had said the vaccine protects 79-90 percent of the population. The University researchers say the problem isn't with the vaccine, but rather with the virus itself. Because it keeps changing from year to year, it's tough to make a vaccine that is consistently effective. The CDC recommends everyone over the age of 6-months be vaccinated. **November 9, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Salt Study"** – A new study says a low sodium diet may not have a substantial health benefit. The study found lowering salt intake can raise cholesterol and hormone levels that can be harmful to the heart. According to current government guidelines, most adults should be on a low sodium diet. That means 1500 milligrams a day, or about a half teaspoon. Researchers are now saying it may be time for doctors to re-think that recommendation. **November 11, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Smoking Bans"** – "The Mayo Clinic has released evidence that smoking bans in Minnesota are keeping more people alive. Mayo researchers found that the number of heart attacks and sudden deaths have fallen by nearly half since the smoking ban took effect in Olmsted County. However, the rates of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and obesity stayed the same or increased. Smoking rates have dropped 23 percent. Olmsted County was the first county in Minnesota to pass a smoking ban. **December 20, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Company Doctor"** – Wilson Tool is a company with about 500 workers in White Bear Lake. They make things out of steel, so worker safety is always a concern. About three years ago, Wilson added an in-house clinic to its wellness program. A physician's assistant is available 5 days a week to help with a variety of medical issues, such as blood pressure and cholesterol problems. They do some lab work and dispense medications. Having this clinic on site means workers spend less time commuting to doctors' offices elsewhere. Employees' spouses and children are also welcome. The clinic is such a success that health insurance costs have remained virtually flat for three years, versus double-digit yearly increases before the clinic was added.

DIVERSITY: St. Cloud Settlement, Police Honored

October 25, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "St. Cloud Settlement" – A school district accused of harassing Somali students has come to a tentative deal with the government. Several Muslim high school students in St. Cloud said the alleged harassment took place during the 2009-2010 school years. The District's own investigation confirmed the allegations. Under the agreement, the District has to make its schools more welcoming for Somali students and their parents. Also, it must report any future allegations of harassment to the

federal government. **December 13, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Police Honored"** – Four officers with the Minneapolis Police Department received a national honor today. The awards were presented by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The officers helped to stop hate crimes against the Somali community. They were key in building a case involving the crimes... Because of their language skills and connections within the community, they were able to locate and interview witnesses in order to build the case which ultimately led to a conviction.

ENVIRONMENT: Solar Panel Project, New Wind Turbine, Electric Cars

October 13, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Solar Panel Project" – The power of the sun will soon play a larger role in education at a Twin Cities school. Edison High School in Minneapolis is going green. Today, the school showed off the new rooftop solar panels that now sit on top of the community gym. It's all part of an eco-ad program supported by Boston Scientific and EcoMedia, a sister company of WCCO. The panels, paid for by Boston Scientific, will reduce Edison High's energy costs and are expected to reduce the amount of CO-2 produced by about 3,000 pounds. The project is also a good way to get kids thinking about the environment. **October 26, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "New Wind Turbine"** – Minnesota is already one of the top five states for wind-generated power. Today, the University of Minnesota unveiled a 262-foot wind turbine at its research facility in Rosemount. It stands next to a meteorological tower and together they cost about \$8 million, paid for by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of the grant is to reduce the cost of wind energy and to make wind energy affordable in years to come. The turbine is large enough to power as many as 800 homes. Researchers will use it to find ways to make wind power more reliable and efficient. Just as important as the turbine itself, the meteorological research tower nearby measures how wind speed and direction impact the efficiency of the turbine. Unlike conventional power plants, harvesting wind energy eliminates the need for fossil fuels. **November 2, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Electric Cars"** - The City of Minneapolis plugged in five new electric vehicles today paid for by Xcel Energy with a price tag of \$20,000 for each vehicle. The new all-electric cars will be used by the city, county and Metropolitan Airports Commission. These vehicles do not emit tailpipe pollution. The City of St. Paul will also be getting some of these electric cars.

WOMEN: Lady Priests, Stained Glass

October 20, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Lady Priests" - A group of women are hoping to bring change to the Roman Catholic Church by joining the priesthood. Their faith has never wavered, even when the highest levels of the Catholic Church are threatening to kick them out. Ninety women across the world have become ordained priests and bishops, which is against canon law. Seven of them live in Minnesota. In 2002, they were ordained in secret by a Catholic bishop in Europe. They believe their ordinations are legitimate. They hold Sunday mass in homes and in churches of other denominations. The Archdiocese does not recognize these women as priests or bishops, saying that only baptized men may be ordained to the priesthood. There is the option for them to be welcomed back to the church, but they would have to recant and apologize. **November**

13, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Stained Glass” – A church is being transformed into a different way to save souls. Kwanzaa Community Church is changing its 10,000 square-foot building into a space where women can go for help to get away from the sex trade. The beautiful stained glass windows that welcomed worshippers for 75 years are at the center of that transformation. Their beauty and color captured the essence of the Gospel and served as an inspiration for countless members for decades. Now they will be removed to make way for a new ministry, one that focuses on getting women off the streets and away from the sex trade. A growing number of women, some as young as 13, have entered the world of prostitution in North Minneapolis. Co-pastors Alika Galloway and her husband Reverend Doctor Ralph Galloway chose to do away with the stained glass because the women felt looking at the windows increased their feeling of shame. A philanthropist from New York is buying the windows. The money will fund the new ministry.

YOUTH AND FAMILY: Maplewood Bully, Sleep Out Rock Out, Free Bikes for Kidz

October 16, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Maplewood Bully”- A local school is using a unique approach to prevent and stop bullying. Maplewood Middle School is asking 30 students to be on Bully Patrol. They’re following the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program. Under the plan, bullying is addressed not only by teachers, but students, as well. The whole goal is to empower the bystander, or the people witnessing the bullying. The bystanders are taught how to intercede, and the victims are taught that people care about them. Students are careful when they confront a bully, but most of the focus is put on the victim. **October 21, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Sleep Out Rock Out”** – Hundreds of teens from across the Twin Cities Metro Area spent the night in the cold with only blankets and their body heat to keep them warm. They were participating in the annual “Sleep Out, Rock Out and Knock Out Homelessness” to give them a glimpse of life on the streets. The event is organized by Families Moving Forward in Minneapolis and Project Home in St. Paul. These organizations want more people to pay attention because homelessness is on the rise. Typically, 9,000 men, women, teens and young children are homeless every night in Minnesota. **November 4, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “New Bikes for Kidz”** – A Twin Cities group will make it a very merry Christmas for thousands of kids. New Bikes for Kidz has collected 5,000 new or gently used bikes for kids and teens in need. Because of the overwhelming turnout, the non-profit needs volunteers to help get the bikes cleaned and ready to be given away. The kids at Treehouse, which runs an after-school program for at-risk children, are on the gift list again this year. The director says a bike is often more than a gift. It can provide a way to get to a job or school.